

The Honorable James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE  
CENTER, et al.,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES, et al.,  
Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-01442-JLR  
JOINT STATUS REPORT

& ORDER

Plaintiffs THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER and MICHELLE  
DILLON and Defendants U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, and OFFICE OF  
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT hereby provide the Court with a Joint Status Report  
pursuant to the Court's February 6, 2019 Order (Dkt. No. 21).

Plaintiffs filed this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") action seeking certain  
documents from Defendants that Plaintiffs had requested pursuant to FOIA in August  
2018. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants violated FOIA by not producing the requested  
documents. As set forth in the parties' November 29, 2018 stipulated motion, the parties  
intend to work cooperatively to attempt to resolve the litigation without motion practice.  
Since the last filing, the parties have clarified the searches allowing Defendants to

1 continue searching for records. Unanticipated information technology issues have arisen,  
2 and the parties are working cooperatively to understand and resolve those issues.

3 Because of the potential volume of records generated from the searches, the  
4 parties have discussed utilizing a production schedule. However, until the technology  
5 issues are resolved, the institution of an overall production schedule is unlikely. As this  
6 is an ongoing process, and to allow the parties to resolve the technology issues, the  
7 parties respectfully request that the Court allow the parties to update the Court within the  
8 next thirty (30) days.

9 The parties propose a joint status report to be filed on or before May 6, 2019.

10 DATED this 5th day of April, 2019.

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12 Respectfully Submitted,

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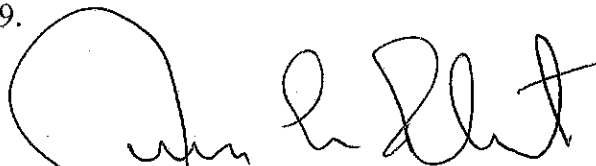
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~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER 

It is hereby ORDERED that:

The parties shall submit a joint status report to the Court on or before May 6,  
2019.

Dated this <sup>24</sup>11 day of April, 2019.



Honorable James L. Robart  
United States District Court Judge